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I was able to find 11 vehicles that have been bought back or are going to be bought back for VVT-i oil pipe related issues.

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You might want to consider sharing with TMC. We are looking into buybacks but the data is muddy

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Good morning,

Please note that on February 7, 2009, a new discussion thread was initiated on ToyotaNation.com regarding an owner-experienced problem associated with the 2GR 3.5L V6 and the "Bank 1 VVTi Oil Line Leaking Issue." The owner reports that after not having paid significant attention to his wife's 2007 Camry XLE V6 over the past 10,000 miles, he noticed a pool of oil under the Camry in the driveway. After taking the vehicle to the dealership, it was determined that the leak was coming from the Bank 1 VVTi Oil Line. The owner states that in his research, this may be a commonly occurring problem regarding 2GR V6s that have 45,000-65,000 miles on the odometer, and warns

other Camry owners to "beware". There are about 20 messages in response, though many are non-owners.

Original post:

"Well Apparently Toyota has not corrected the issue with the 2GR and the Bank 1 VVTi Oil Line Leaking Issue. Ever since I got my 07 TI Type-S my wife has been driving the camry... so I haven't really driven it much for the last 10k or so! ... long story short ... last week I noticed a pool of oil under the camry in my driveway. I checked the dipstick, and to my surprise, the stick was DRY!!! I added some oil (5 qts to be exact!!!) and took the car to the dealer immediately. It appears that the leak was coming from the Bank 1 VVTi Oil Line. My camry has 51k on it now, and thank god this was covered under the 60k powertrain factory warranty or I would have been pissed! Just BEWARE ... keep an eye on your V6 camrys fellas ... since the TSB was issued on the 05 Avalon in November 2005 ... this has been an ongoing issue that Toyota has apparently been keeping hush hush! It seems to be happening from my research on vehicles with the 2GR between 45k to 65k miles ... check the rubber hose going to Bank 1 VVTi Oil Line ... where the metal line meets the rubber hose .... apparently the metal clamp wears through the rubber hose over time .... this friction causes a pinhole in the rubber line (in my case a much larger hole) causing you to lose a significant amount of oil. ... if not caught in time ... have fun trying to get that repaired under warranty!!!"

February 7, 2009 by PillPusher84 on ToyotaNation.com

<http://www.toyotanation.com/forum/showthread.php?t=285250>

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